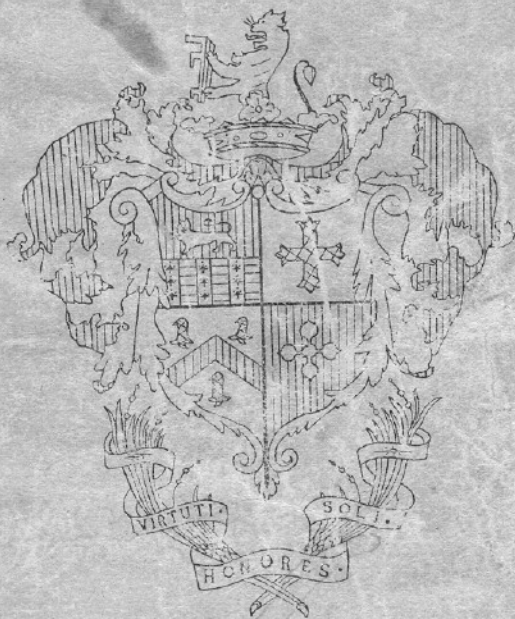


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A BRIEF HISTORY
OF THE
WALTONS



OF MARSDEN HALL (NELSON)
AND OF ALTHAM.

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THE CHILDREN OF AMBROSE WALTON, ESQ.
and MARY BANASTRE, his wife : from a portrait
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1580 and a justice of the peace in 1600. The heir in 1612 was Nathaniel Banastre, a Roman Catholic, who compounded by an annual fine of £10 for the two-thirds of his estate liable to sequestration for recusancy. In 1631 he paid a further £10 on declining knighthood. On the outbreak of the civil war he took the King's side, and as a Papist delinquent his estates were sequestered by the Parliamentarians. His son Richard, who was "conformable to the church of England" and "a real Protestant and . . . a friend to the Parliament and their proceedings," obtained a discharge of the estates. Nathaniel Banastre, his son, had ten hearths in his house liable to tax in 1666 out of 46 in the whole township. He died in 1669 and was succeeded by his brother Henry, and he by his son Nicholas, the last male heir. At his death in 1694 his sisters Mary, wife of Ambrose Walton, and Isabel, wife of Charles Halsted of Rowley, succeeded. Upon a partition of the estates in 1699 between the two co-heiresses, the manor of Altham was valued at no more than £160 per annum, of which £1200 was considered as equivalent to a moiety, and Isabel, the younger sister, had the whole estate and received the rents and profits as a vivegage, till that sum was discharged. A striking example of the increased value of landed property within a century!

HENRY WALTON, 1724—1754,

the son of Mary and Ambrose Walton, was a worthy representative of his Saxon and Norman ancestors. Born in 1698, the fourth child of the Banastre—Walton alliance, he was baptised 22nd August of that year. His father died in 1710, and his mother, who had "heired" the estate, in 1718: Henry Walton, therefore, "recovered" the entailed estates of Altham in 1719, on attaining the age of 21. In 1724, on the death of his grandfather, he obtained full possession of the Altham and Marsden estates. He married Elizabeth Wainhouse de Emmott, who survived her husband and was buried at Colne. The marriage was celebrated 11th August, 1726.

His brother Ambrose was an officer on H.M. Ship "Britannia," and died unmarried in 1741, having been born